

Lincoln, NE -- Congressman Jeff Fortenberry today released the following statement concerning news that the congressional Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction will not reach an agreement by its November 23 deadline:

"For the sake of America, the hard decisions of debt reduction must be made. This is yet another disappointing example of Congress' inability to function properly; the institution is apparently intent on lowering its 9 percent approval rating. The automatic reductions were designed to be severe enough to avoid this situation. Now we are going to have to determine how to deal with the consequences."

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